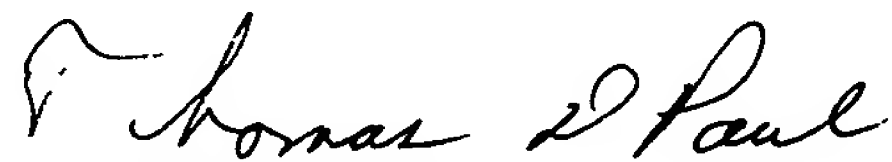


composition, length of primers and other known characteristics which effect the melt conditions.

The above amendments comply with the agreement reached in the Interview of August 15, 1991. The claim specifically cites those elements which teach the Multiplex PCR procedure of the present invention. It is the applicants understanding that the Kogen et al. reference was not antedated by the previous affidavit and that the claims are being allowed because the proposed amendments distinguish the invention over the prior art including Kogen, et al. If this is not the reason for allowance applicants respectfully request the examiner to specify the reasons.

Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance. If any additional issues remain, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (713) 651-5325 to quickly resolve any outstanding issues.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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